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Deans speak publicly on campus' struggle with racial images and intent

Jane Higa, Tim Wilson, Stu Cleek :: *Write-Ins*

In the past few weeks there has been quite a lively discussion in the Horizon editorials regarding diversity issues on campus. Regardless of what you thought about the individual point of views expressed in the articles, we hope they have challenged you to think about your own views and approaches to this important and complex issue. We know for us, the articles and conversations with faculty, staff, and students have been challenging for us to consider, and we wanted to share with you some of our own thinking and perspective on one issue in particular.

In the last several years, there have been several images displayed on campus that have had stereotypic depictions of various ethnic groups. The depictions were used to advertise an off-campus party, as part of a theme in an RA office, to seek participation in a class project, and to advertise an athletic event. The range of uses helps us to understand at least one thing--we are all in this together. Every part of our campus community has the ability to hurt and to be

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